

NIGHT MESSAGE. THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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Dated Chicago, Ill., April, 20.
To NORTH MISSOURI TRUST CO., Mexico, Mo.

If San Francisco is wiped out the Continental loss cannot exceed two and one half million dollars. After paying our losses we will have at least fifteen million dollars of assets left. If we lose two and one half million dollars many other companies will fail. Put your good business in the Continental. The safety fund under which we operate and have special funds on deposit with New York state authorities in Albany would protect any Continental policy holder even if two more cities should burn.

HENRY EVANS, President.

Your Fire Insurance is solicited in this good Company
REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT
NORTH MISSOURI TRUST CO.
MEXICO, MISSOURI.

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LOWEST RATES! EASIEST TERMS!
CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.
FARMERS FOR SALE IN AUSTRIAN AND ADJOINING COUNTRIES.
CHEAP, RICH, WILD LANDS IN SOUTH MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
LAND BUYERS' EXCURSION RATES TO SOUTH AND WEST.

LAKENAN & BARNES
MEXICO, MO.
Charles Steed was up from St. Louis Sunday.
John Sallee was up from St. Louis to visit his family Sunday.
Buy your harness from Wm. Ragdale, on north side of the square.
Luke Morris is in Amarillo, Texas, much improved in health.
Wm. Ragdale, the north side harness man, guarantees all his work.
Mrs. William Mahon, of St. Louis, is the guest of relatives here.
Buy your harness from Wm. Ragdale, on north side of the square.
Miss Lauretta Garrett is home from Philadelphia.
Wm. Ragdale, the north side harness man, guarantees all his work.
WANTED—Young, live red foxes. SAM MORRIS.

J. M. Haskel & Son sharpen plows by electricity. Perfect satisfaction.

Dr. Fredendall, of Lexington, Mo., was the guest of Joseph Wilkins Sunday.

For Rent: 100-Acre farm 31 miles south of Mexico. Write, C. M. Glass Fairfield, Iowa.

Rev. A. C. Browning is home from halfway county where he preached Sunday.

Gabriel Brown, of Hawk Point, Mo., is here the guest of his daughter, Mrs. George Mathias.

Mr. Abe Hitt is better and his many friends will be glad to know he will soon be out again.

William Kemper is remodeling his building on the southwest corner of the square.

Miss Kitty Turley visited her sister, Mrs. J. K. Pool, of Centralia, Sunday Monday.

Mrs. Charles A. Allen, of Waverly, Iowa, arrived Saturday night to visit her brother, B. L. Locke.

Miss Mary Potts, who has been attending school at Monticello Seminary, is the guest of relatives in this city.

The Alton will move into their new station the first of the month; every thing will be completed by that date.

A. Hughes is in West Plains Mo., a delegate to the National convention of the Knights and Ladies of Security.

Mrs. E. J. Henderson, of New Bloomfield, Mo., is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. August, of this city.

After May let we will be located in the French Bldg. over Kemp & Pearson 4, 21

WILLIAMS & SHARPE.

Wm. Ragdale, the north side harness man, will treat you right if you want harness, saddles or whips of any kind. 6344

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Potts, living in San Francisco, will be glad to know that they were not injured by the earthquake.

Don't buy your harness, saddles or whips until you see Wm. Ragdale. He makes the best goods and his prices are right. 6344

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Call on William Ragdale, the north side harness man, and see prices here. Ragdale sells the best and the lowest prices.

For Sale—Four good milk cows 4 years old. Proven good breeders. Prompt and sure performers.

CHARLES HILL, Mexico, Mo.

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R. H. Gauthron, Mexico Mo., has a good breeding Jacks. You won't have to wait, bring your mares and mares to a live of the day. Ten dollars to insure a living cow. 6344

Dr. T. S. Manning, of Vandalia, was arrested Monday on the charge of his illicit sale of liquor. The case is in the Circuit Court.

Change of Time on Jefferson City Branch.

It is rumored that beginning in a week or so the passenger train on the Jefferson City branch will start from Mexico instead of Cedar City. There will be two round trips a day, the first train leaving Mexico at seven o'clock in the morning and the last one returning at ten o'clock at night. If the schedule is adopted the St. Louis agents will ask much Mexico until soon.

WANTS SITE FOR SHOE FACTORY.

THE BROWN SHOE COMPANY OF ST. LOUIS, MAY LOCATE FACTORY HERE—NO CASH BONUS NECESSARY.

WILL EMPLOY 1200 PEOPLE

City to Donate Ground and a Building. 26x250 Feet. Four Stories High, and a Small Building For Power Plant.

Mr. W. B. Schneider, Factory Manager of the Brown Shoe Company, of St. Louis, was in this city Monday, while on a tour, looking for a location for the fifth factory of this concern.

He was shown over the city by Mayor E. D. Graham and a committee of business men and several sites were considered. While no positive statement was made, Mr. Schneider talked as though there was no doubt but that the plant would be located here if the citizens would meet the requirements.

The proposition is for the city to donate the ground and a building, either brick or frame, 90x250 feet, and 52 feet in height, including four stories. A smaller building, to be used as a power house and sufficiently large to accommodate a 250 horse power electrical plant, is also to be built by the city.

The whole out-lit, building and ground, will not exceed in cost \$40,000 and, in return the Brown Shoe company will agree to put \$75,000 in the plant; start operations at once and have the product of this factory for the market by September first. They further guarantee, the first year to give employment to 350 or 450 people and in three years to increase the number of employees to 1200.

The new plant must be built, and it is up to the citizens of Mexico to accept or reject the offer. Several other towns have made propositions to secure this enterprise, but as stated before, it is thought that no difficulty will be experienced in getting it here, if the terms of the Brown company can be met.

This will make the fifth plant of this concern and will have a capacity of 3000 pair of shoes per day. A high grade line of shoes that the company has been buying from an eastern concern, will be made in the new plant.

Mr. Schneider was pleased with the town and expressed himself as satisfied with the sites offered, the railroad facilities and the water system. The only difficulty that would be apt to cause any concern, he thought, was the question of whether Mexico and surrounding country could furnish the labor. Of the 450 employees, which the factory will employ the first year, many could be women or girls who could earn from six to ten dollars per week.

If Mexico is to secure this enterprise an acceptance must be made to the Brown Company's offer not later than Saturday. Mayor Graham has called a mass meeting for Thursday evening and all who are interested in the welfare and growth of the town are urged to be present.

Farmers Celebrate.
"The Farmers" or Agricultural students of the University of Missouri gave an old country fair on the State Farm this week. Among the unique features were: A display from the Agricultural Museum showing the evolution of farm machinery; an incubator, turning out full grown chickens in one minute after the insertion of the egg; a two headed pig; and all of the prize stock of the State Farm. Reuben, Norton H. Pemberton of Centralia was the speaker for the occasion.

Miss Golden Emerson closed a very successful term of school in the Eriam district last Friday, this being her second term in this district. Miss Emerson is one of our brightest and most progressive teachers. Although she has a fine education, being a graduate of the Mexico High School, she expects to attend the summer school at Columbia to better prepare herself for the duties of her chosen profession.

EXCURSION TO CALIFORNIA.
From April 25th to May 5th, inclusive, when in California they are having that beautiful spring weather for which the state is noted, the Chicago & Alton R. R. will make a \$54.90 rate to Los Angeles, Cal., and return. The tickets will permit of stopover, variable routes via either rail or boat, and one does not have to return until July 21st, 1906. Complete particulars will be furnished upon application to E. F. Mayne, Tkt. Agt., C. & A. R. R., Mexico, Mo.

Negro Not Injured.
It was reported here Saturday night that a Mexican negro had been killed by the railroad at Thompson and the body could not be found. Several local colored parties set out on foot to the neighboring town in search of the killed man and on arriving found him well and asleep on the Washburn station platform there.

Nice Residence.
Tate McQue, cashier of the North Missouri Trust Company, has purchased the Holt residence on East Promenade street from Mrs. Paul for \$3,000. This property is nicely located and is well worth the price paid for it.

The Ledger is glad to know that Mr. McQue has secured a nice home and will make Mexico permanent resident.

Denies the Report.
The party reported as kidnapping his wife one day last week "because she attended the skating rink too often," says that "the rumor is without foundation, and that any injury she may have received grew out of an accident."

Grass for Cattle.
We have the very best of grass, good water, good fences now ready to take in cattle. W. L. LAKENAN & BARNES

THE EDGEWOOD STOCK FARM

One mile Southwest of Mexico, makes a specialty of pure bred swine and high class poultry. Eggs for hatching from R. C. W. Lighthorn, P. Ducks, T. Geese and W. H. Turkeys. Have a handsome Red Bull mail for sale. Write or phone F. E. WENTZ, Phone 601 Mexico, Mo.

CITY COUNCIL ORDERS A STREET SWEEPER.

A Most Satisfactory Meeting of the Council—Will Proceed at Once to Rect Structure for Fire Department.

The City Council met Friday night, Mayor Graham presiding and all members present. This was one of the most profitable meetings in the history of the council, more business was transacted and more actual results accomplished than in any one meeting for a number of years past.

On motion of Mr. Marshall it was ordered that Mrs. Lawder be notified to repair the walk and put in gratings along her property at the corner of Promenade and Jefferson streets.

Mayor Graham recommended that a street sweeper be purchased and asked for expressions from the members of the council on the subject. The idea met with the unanimous approval of that body and on motion of Mr. Potts, a committee of three, composed of Messrs. Potts, Marshall and Johnson, was appointed to purchase the same for the use of the city.

The Street Commissioner was authorized to have a narrow built, to be used on the city streets.

The walk along the property of Mrs. Goeb, on Promenade street, was ordered relaid and placed in proper condition.

The Electric Light Company was ordered to move the rubbish, near its plant, from off the street.

The Street and Alley Committee was empowered to order a car of life for the main sewer and other street work.

The Washburn Railroad Company was ordered to look after the drainage and tiling on the south side of their crossing at Washburn street; also to fix their walks on Calhoun street, and the City Attorney was instructed to prepare a notice, to serve on the company, to remove their coal house from Jefferson street.

The salary of the City Hall janitor was raised from six to eight dollars per month.

Two brick crossings were ordered at the corner of the Episcopal church, Promenade and Clark Ave.

Mr. Marshall, chairman of the committee appointed to look into the matter of erecting a building for the Fire Department, reported that the committee had investigated the matter and found urgent need for such a building; and that they were in favor of a 30x60 foot brick building, one story in height, but so constructed that at any time another story may be added. The committee further recommended that the building be erected on the lot, owned by the city, immediately in the rear of the City Hall. On motion of Mr. Johnson, the report of the committee was adopted, and the committee further instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the building and submit the same to contractors for bids.

Mr. Abby introduced an ordinance, which was given two readings, authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow money.

It has been decided by the local lodge of Elks to donate the proceeds of their minstrel next Monday night to the suffering humanity in San Francisco.

A better charity course and one of more universal interest could not have been chosen, for all sympathize with the homeless of that once magnificent metropolis.

To-night will be the fourth rehearsal of the barnstorm artists and under the coaching of Mr. Halbrunner they are making a professional finish in all they do. An orchestra, composed of the following gentlemen, will furnish the music for the production: Major Shaw, violin; Cortes Edmonson, cornet; Percy Treloar, clarinet; Prof. Etheridge, violinello; Roy Conant, piano, and Stanley Blatner, drums.

The program will be finished and Tuesday night. There are several desirable advertising spaces left and those who have not as yet procured space are urged to do so.

Among those who will take part are Wallace Fry, John Ellis, Logan Kidd, F. A. Morris, A. H. Whitney, Walter Burch, Ed V. Williams, G. Woodward, Clay Hamilton, Tom Bruce, Prof. R. B. Finley, L. B. Hanna, Thos. Nutt, Mitchell White, L. B. Barnett, E. B. Keast, Everett Holland, C. A. Hopkins, Richard Kinn, Earl Brown, Percy Treloar, Otto Schopp, Ed Kidd, Dr. Frank Spence, Dr. Fred Fletcher, Dr. C. W. Digges, Melville Paul, Clyde Fox, Prof. L. R. Hawthorne, Harold McPherson, Lon Smith, Stanley Blatner, Nathan Phillips, Ernest Barnett, Alexander McKinley, James Edwards, William Eller, Roy Barclay, Osa Brown and Roy Mitchell.

Walter Burch will be intercomer, and among those on the ends will be found Fred Morris, A. H. Whitney, R. B. Finley, Dr. Digges, Fred Fletcher, Luther Barnett and Thomas Null.

Stores to Close.
The undersigned grocery stores and meat markets agree to close at 6:30 o'clock from May 1st to October 1st 1906 except on Saturday.

D. C. Owen Meat Co. Smith Bros. Dermody Bros. Threlkeld & O'Brien. E. J. Kidd W. W. Rodgers Fred A. Morris F. A. Samsbeck J. C. King B. H. Brown Gantt & Kent Keiser & Son H. L. Miller G. W. Brock.

Dropped Dead on the Street at Vandalia.
Thomas Hughlett, of Vandalia, aged about 65 years, and one of the most prominent men in eastern Adair, dropped dead on the street about noon Monday.

Miss Edith Taylor who has been visiting Miss Edna and Master George Watts, will return to Chicago this week.

99c STORE

MEXICO, MISSOURI.

ONE PRICE. THE LOWEST PRICE.

Presents this week a few of its amazing prices that actually represent the values in every article in our extensive stock.

Men's seamless, black hose double heel and toe. 10c per pair.

French wire Rat Trap, like cut. 29c

Large Granite Wash Pans. 10c

Blizzard Ice Cream Freezers. \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.25

Horse Brushes. 10c, 23c, 39c

Good Shoe Soles like cut. 10c per pair.

Real Irish point Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, 48 in. wide, worth \$3 in city stores, our price, 1.99

White curtain pole complete, 10c

Boys' Brownie Overalls, the hard-to-wear-out kind. 25c, 48c per pair.

10 dozen imported Jellies, 10 cent value, our price, 5c

4-quart Granite Cooking Pans, with handles; you must hurry to get these bargains; as long as twelve dozen last. 10c each.

Good Screen Door complete, with hinges, knobs, screws and hooks. 99c

\$3.50 Lawn Mower, 16-in. cut; just to start them. 2.75

10c Japaned Dust Pan like cut. 5c

1,000 Dinner Plates, each...5c. 25c Steel Pruning Shears, 19c.

John W. Russ box call Shoe like cut, worth \$2.50 per pair, we sell them at 1.99 per pair.

Glass Oil Can like cut, one gallon size, our price, 20c

\$1.25 Smyrna Rugs, we sell them at 96c

\$1 steel hand Saw, 2-foot rule on back, we sell them at 48c

Set Knives and Forks, a regular \$1.00 value, all steel bolstered and capped, set, 69c

As long as 20 dozen 8 inch glass Bowls like they will go at 5c each.

17 qt. IX size 25c. Please, my friend, see what your catalogue house gets for this Dish Pan.

No. 8 size Wash Boiler, cheapest to best. 25c, 68c, 99c. \$1.48, \$2.50.

Monkey Ratches, 23c, 29c, 33c.

\$1 Alarm Clocks, our price, 49c.

Chair Bottom, good size, 5c Each.

Cobbler's outfit; buy a set and repair your own shoes. Our Price, 49c.

6-inch Planchers, good value, 10c.

Cast Iron Hatchet, like cut, 9c

Granite Coffee Pot, good size, like cut. 20c

MR. STOKES COMING.
Will Arrive Next Week to Make Definite Arrangements For Summer Chautauqua.

C. E. Stokes, of Kansas City, was in this city Saturday and informed a Ledger representative that he would come to Mexico next week and remain for some time, preparing for a ten days Chautauqua to be held here during August. Mr. Stokes says Mexico will have one of the best Chautauquas in the state and during its run in this city many thousands of visitors will be attendance. Mexico citizens should not hesitate to aid Mr. Stokes in every way in this movement, and push it to a most successful culmination.

MEXICO EXCURSION
Foreign trips are the "real thing," not only because they show you "something different," but because the change in climate, customs, and even down to the language, brings that complete rest and relaxation which constitute AN IDEAL HOLIDAY.

This why Mexico is such a delight, and memories linger long and some thing to talk about remains in stock for years to come. Can't we interest you in a \$50.00 ROUND TRIP RATE by the Chicago & Alton, April 25 to May 5, 1906? The Return Limit is way into the summer, so one can casually visit heric spots, see the grand mountains, and get full benefit of this fine trip. E. F. MATTHEWS, Tkt. Agt. of "The Only Way" at Mexico, Mo. will furnish you with complete particulars, and you must do your part by calling upon or writing to him.

County Court Refuses Saloon License
The County Court, which was in session Tuesday, refused the petition of Bruce Ickengle, of Benton City, for a dram shop license at that place.

If you buy it at PILCHER'S it's right.

"Of Their Own Merits Modest Men Are Dumb"

Our modesty can stand a little strain, however, and justice to those who need accurately fitted glasses demands that our light shall not be hidden under a bushel when it comes to explanation of our ability as Opticians.

Our Optical business has trebled itself in the last two years. There's a reason for this—WE GIVE SATISFACTION.

Our prices are very modest and an examination of your eyes will cost you nothing.

We have pleased others and can please you.

Always your money's worth.

Pilcher Jewelry Co. MEXICO, MO.

LEROY M. MORRIS.

Writes of the Earthquake in California.

To the Editor of the Ledger.
MORRIS, CAL., April 19.—Ere this you've read of the terrible earthquake and fire that visited our metropolis yesterday morning at 4:15 o'clock. I was awakened by a rumbling noise the windows rattling and the house shaking. First thought that the wind must surely be the cause, then when looking out the window I changed my mind when I saw trees acting very strangely, bending in every direction. And looking across the field, ground was acting more like the waves of the ocean than anything else. The shock lasted about a minute, and was not like an ordinary earthquake; instead it was a series of waves and shaking, one standing on my feet without holding to something. Many people ran into the streets expecting to see their homes crumble to the ground. Hotels and lodging houses were filled with guests who, when the shock came, ran pell-mell into the halls and down into the streets,—some of the men had on their socks,—and some didn't.

The water in the big irrigating ditches was thrown three or four feet up the banks. People who had water tanks in the upper part of their houses were treated to a free shower bath. Most of the big railroad tanks are completely demolished.

Some of the buildings both here and in Stockton are cracked but none are destroyed.

Business is almost suspended, people waiting the streets and anxiously waiting for news from friends and loved ones who are somewhere in the cities destroyed. The cities around about San Francisco are the ones which suffered the greatest damage, the shock was so much greater on the coast than in the interior. Millions of dollars in property is lost, and thousands of lives were blotted out in a few minutes time. And yet, man boasts of his power. Though over a hundred miles from the coast, I can see a large black cloud of smoke billowing over the filled city,—like the mantle of death, covering those who sleep in eternity.

San Francisco will be years in recovering from this terrible calamity,—in fact the whole state will feel the blow.

Modesto was in the midst of preparations for a grand May Day; this morning the whole state mourns for the dead in our cities.

In imagine the conditions. Thousands of people throughout the state have relatives in those cities, and can not enter, or get any word to or from them.

This is the darkest calamity that ever covered our "Land of Sunshine." We who live in the interior are thankful we do not live on the coast. It was bad enough here, but far worse there.

Respectfully
LEROY M. MORRIS.

ELOPING GIRL ARRESTED.

Night Police Intercept Maid Who Was Going to Meet Her Sweetheart—Forgiving Father.

Night officers Marshall and Miller, about 9 o'clock Sunday night, arrested Miss Annese Adams fifteen years old, of Clark, who was eloping, and held her until her father, S. F. Adams, arrived to take her home. She was accompanied by Miss Edie Taylor, of Sturgeon. Shortly after 8 o'clock the night police were notified that there was an urgent call for them from the Washburn station. On arriving they found a telegram from S. F. Adams, of Clark, Mo., asking them to stop his daughter who was eloping and would arrive here about 9:30 on Mo. 64, the Washburn east bound local freight. The telegram did not state the color of the eloping maiden so the officers decided she was black and when the train arrived and a "coupled lady" of some two hundred odd pounds stepped off she was taken into custody by the police.

"Let go of me, white man, ah! went nuffin for you 'rest me" were her words as assumed a position to protect herself. A short explanation sufficed to convince the officers their mistake, so they entered the station building where two young white girls were, who had also arrived on the freight. On inquiry one of them said her name was Adams so the police told her they would have to keep her in this city until her father arrived.

GOING TO BLOOMINGTON.
Mary Quant Smith, an employee of the Alton Railroad, Miss Adams went to the police, and knowing my father did not give his consent decided to elope. I went to Sturgeon Sunday to visit Edie, who was to accompany me on the trip. Some one must have telegraphed father from Sturgeon when they saw us get on 64.

She was taken to the city hall and held until her father was telegraphed. At 9 o'clock the officers offered to take her to the Rigo, where she could have a room with Miss Taylor, but she refused and remained in the city hall until 3:30 Monday morning when her parent came. They then went to the hotel and took rooms. Mr. Adams forgave his daughter and telegraphed to Smith, at Bloomington, to come to the bride's home. The father and Clark and they could be married at the 11:30 Washburn Monday morning. Miss Adams is fifteen years old, a slender brunette with large blue eyes and quiet attractive looking. She wore a light white dress as if ready for the wedding ceremony.

Is The World Going To Pieces?
Is the world going to pieces? This question was asked G. H. Harbut, Geologist of Missouri University, in discussing the eruption of Vesuvius and the destruction of San Francisco. In reply he said:

"There is nothing to indicate that we are any nearer the destruction of the earth than we ever were. Earthquakes and volcanic disturbances have come and gone throughout the earth's history they indicate change of course but not a tendency towards the destruction of the planet."

What was the cause of the San Francisco earthquake?

"I hesitate to express an opinion on that. To be sure, it was due to the slipping of the earth's crust but what caused that is mere speculation."

Mrs. Ed. Harward, of east Monroe street left this morning for a visit with her mother, in Hannibal. Before her return she will visit Miss Brown, in New London.

SMART SHOES FOR SPRING.



Every department brim full of good things from Italy to Grandfather, WOMEN'S OXFORDS in Patent, Rubber, Vel and Canvas. All shapes, light or heavy soles; black or brown leathers.

MEN'S OXFORDS in Patent, Tan and thin Metal Calf. All the new shapes. Let us show you and you will be convinced that we are authorities on the best wear. So judicious in prices here, our goods were purchased before the rise in leather.

WILKINS BROTHERS.

MASONIC LODGE TO ASSIST.
Grand Master A. S. Houston, of This City, Issues Call to State Lodges.

GUARANTEED BY WOODBRIDGE & PURDY.
Simple Way to Cure Catarrh by Hyomei Without Stomach Dosing.

A Ledger representative called today upon A. S. Houston, Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Missouri, and inquired what amount the order would contribute toward the stricken city of San Francisco.

"I have issued a call to all the lodges in the state," replied Mr. Houston, "asking them to hold a meeting immediately to decide upon the sum they wished to contribute. When this sum has been raised it will be forwarded to Grand Secretary John R. Parsons, of St. Louis, who will send it to California."

No doubt a larger sum will be raised in this manner and prove of great benefit to the movement now on to aid the sufferers.

Cadets Win Again.
The Missouri Military Academy base ball team defeated the Columbia Normal Academy base ball team Monday afternoon on the soldiers' field, by a score of 13 to 6. The game was interesting; Mo. M. A. playing in as good form as was displayed in the first match and both teams making frequent errors. There was only a fair attendance.

Low rate home seekers excursion.
Via Chicago and Alton R. R. to certain points in Arkansas Oklahoma Indian Territory, Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana. Sold first and third Tuesday. For